

Through sin and cover-up David thought everything would go back to normal.


The confrontation with Nathan about the sin of David. (Pages 162-163)

The story of Nathan.

The indictment "You are the man!"

The Law has it's full effect.

David confesses his sin. No longer trying to cover up.




God's judgment: "Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you."

David acknowledges his sin. "I have sinned against the Lord." (2 Samuel 12:13)

Nathan announces complete forgiveness for David.

It is widely held that Psalm 51 was written after David had been confronted by Nathan.


It is a Psalm of acknowledgment of



"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God you will not despise." (Psalm 51:17)

Another beautiful Psalm of confession is Psalm 32.

"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit." (Psalm 32:1-2)



What a joy to know that we can come before God and completely acknowledge our sin and know that God offers complete forgiveness.

Having complete forgiveness does not mean that our sin does not have consequences.

The great King David will now experience the judgment of God upon his sin. His life and his reign will be filled with turmoil.



The child born in David's sin will die.
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The kingdom would now experience tremendous turmoil.

David's own son Absalom would rebel against him. Pages 167-169

David remains faithful to God through all of the turmoil. "A man after God's own heart." (1 Samuel 13:14)

While David was not to build the temple, God allowed him the chance to begin preparations for the temple.



David feels honored to make preparations for the temple.

Having made preparations, he calls upon the people to consecrate themselves to the Lord.

They all gave generously and David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly.

David found comfort and strength in knowing that the covenant made between God and David would be fulfilled. (2 Samuel 7:11-16)